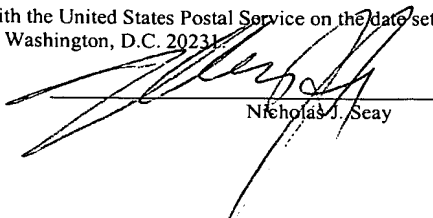


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AMENDMENT

Commissioner For Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 1, 2002 in the file of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

Page, 1, line 6, delete the paragraph (reading "To be determined.") in its entirety and insert therefor the following:

--The invention was made with United States government support awarded by the following agencies:

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The United States has certain rights in this invention.--

Page 6, paragraph beginning line 19, please substitute the following:

--Preparation of mouse hepatocytes. Hepatocytes were isolated by liver perfusion and seeded at subconfluency in Dulbecco's Modified Eagle Medium (DMEM; GIBCO-BRL supplemented with fetal bovine serum (FBS; 10% v/v; Hyclone), insulin (20mU/ml; Novo Nordisk) and dexamethasone (25nM; Sigma). Cells were left to attach for 4 hours in an incubator at 37°C with 5% CO₂. Following a wash with DMEM, the cells were cultured